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Daniel A. Dunlap
Sheriff

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Capt. Lonnie Sparkman has decided to retire from his career with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, and has submitted his letter of resignation to Sheriff Dan Dunlap.



Capt. Sparkman came to the Lake County Sheriff's Office from the Painesville Police Department on March 21st, 1982. During his tenure here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office he has served as a Deputy Sheriff, Detective, Road Sergeant, Road Lieutenant, Detective Bureau Commander, and as Deputy Captain in charge of the Road Patrol Division.

Capt. Sparkman is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 190th Session. He served for 20 years as member of the Lake County SWAT Team, two years as a task force commander of a multi-agency task force on Statewide Gambling, as well as a participant at the University of Louisville in the Chief of Police Executive Training program.

In his letter to the Sheriff he stated *"For the past thirty (30) years of my life I have been member of the finest law enforcement agency in the State. The caliber of past and present deputies and staff I have had the privilege to serve with for the majority of my career has made this such a rewarding experience...I truly have had a career that people dream of and that I can look back on with pride.... However, I realize with the recent financial difficulties for this County over the past two years, and the dramatic budget cuts on the Office, 2012 is looking to present great difficulties in regards to staffing. I feel my resignation at this moment will not only give you the opportunity to retain a young deputy who might otherwise be laid-off, but will also give another supervisor the opportunity to enter into a new part of their law enforcement career in upper management."*

Capt. Sparkman's last day of service will be on Friday, February 3rd, 2012.

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